

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH  
FOREIGN POSTAL OPERATORS  
PRIME UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TRACKED SERVICE  
AGREEMENT (MC2010-34)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No.  
CP2020-169

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING ADDITIONAL  
ACCESSION TO INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE PRIME AGREEMENT**  
(December 16, 2020)

In Order No. 5544,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission or PRC) established Docket No. CP2020-169 to consider the United States Postal Service's (Postal Service) notice filed on June 11, 2020 (Notice) in this matter.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service attached the "PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement" (referred to as the "PRIME Agreement") to its Notice.<sup>3</sup> Annex 4 of the PRIME Agreement consists of Deeds of Accession signed by certain foreign postal operators (FPOs).<sup>4</sup> The Postal Service also stated in its Notice that it would update this docket should additional FPOs accede to the PRIME Agreement and expected additional FPOs to accede beyond the intended (and since approved) effective date of July 1, 2020.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 5544, Notice and Order Concerning Postal Service Filing of Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 12, 2020, at 3-4.

<sup>2</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 11, 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

<sup>4</sup> Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

<sup>5</sup> Notice, at 5; PRC Order No. 5563, Order Approving Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 25, 2020, at 8.

At this time, the Postal Service provides notice to the Commission that an additional FPO has acceded to the PRIME Agreement. The Postal Service attaches to this notice as Attachment 1 the Deed of Accession executed by this FPO. The FPO executed the Deed of Accession on December 14, 2020. The financial information of the FPO whose accession is attached to this notice was included in the financial workpapers filed in support of the Notice and with the Postal Service's Response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1.<sup>6</sup>

Unless the Commission determines otherwise, the Postal Service proposes that the effective date of this accession be January 1, 2021. This proposed effective date of January 1, 2021 is supported by the terms of the PRIME Agreement. Specifically, Attachment 1 directs that "[an] accession is effective upon approval by the United States Postal Service, from July 1st 2020 or at the beginning of the next quarter after the signature is received by the Head of PRIME, unless an earlier date is approved by both the United States Postal Service and the Acceding Party."<sup>7</sup> Absent any countervailing concerns by the Commission, the Postal Service and the FPO whose accession is attached to this notice intend to implement a January 1, 2021 effective date.

The Postal Service maintains that the identity of the counterparty-FPO to the PRIME Agreement in Attachment 1 should remain confidential and incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment filed with its Notice in this docket.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> See Notice; Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 23, 2020.

<sup>7</sup> Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

<sup>8</sup> Notice, at Attachment 1 (Application of United Postal Service for Non-Public Treatment of Materials).

The redacted copy, where appropriate, of this attachment is filed publicly, while the unredacted version is filed under seal for the Commission's review.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION  
PRIME Tracked Service Agreement

Annex 4

**Annex 4: Deed of Accession**

***THE UNDERSIGNED "ACCEDING PARTY"***

[REDACTED]

Requests admission to the PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement.

The accession is effective upon approval by the United States Postal Service, from July 1st 2020 or at the beginning of the next quarter after the signature is received by the Head of PRIME, unless an earlier date is approved by both the United States Postal Service and the Acceding Party.

The Acceding Party agrees to be bound by all of the provisions of such PRIME USPS Service Agreement.

Signed at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

UPU Designated Postal Operator (DPO) - Name:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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